

REMARKS

Claims 6-8 remain pending after this response.

Claim Amendments

All claims under rejection (claims 1, 2 and 4) and all claims directed to non-elected subject matter (claims 5 and 9-14) are cancelled. Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application directed to subject matter of the cancelled claims.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication of allowability of claims 6-8. As claims 6-8 are the only remaining claims, the application is in condition for allowance.

Rejections under 35 USC §103

Claim 4 stands rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bansleben '664 (US Patent No. 6,410,664) and Bansleben '715 (US Patent No. 6,197,715).

Claims 1 and 2 stand rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wang et al.

In response, claims 1, 2 and 4 are cancelled. The rejections are thus moot and should be withdrawn.

As no claims remain under rejection, and as all withdrawn claims are cancelled, the application is believed to be in condition for allowance and an early indication of same is earnestly solicited.

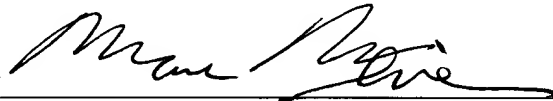
A check in the amount of \$120.00 is attached for the requested one month extension of time.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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